

REMARKS

Applicant is re-submitting the amendments made in the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment dated February 7, 2005, in view of Applicant's inability to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 24, 2005, within the non-statutory one-month time period.

Applicant is amending the specification to include drawing descriptions that were inadvertently omitted from the present application, but were included in the parent application 10/697,213 filed October 30, 2003, the entirety of which is incorporated by reference in the present application (*see page 1, lines 6-8 of the present application*). Specifically, the Brief Descriptions of Figures 12, 14, 15 and 29 are being added herewith, as well as detailed descriptions of Figures 12 and 29. Support for the descriptions being added in this case are set forth in the drawings in the present case and in the specification of the parent case as follows: Brief Description of Figure 12 (page 11, lines 8-9 of 10/697,213), Figures 14 and 15 (page 11, lines 11-16 of 10/697,213) and Figure 29 (page 12, lines 9-10 of 10/697,213), full description of Figure 12 (paragraph bridging pages 28-29 of 10/697,213) and Figure 29 (paragraph bridging pages 35-36 of 10/697,213).

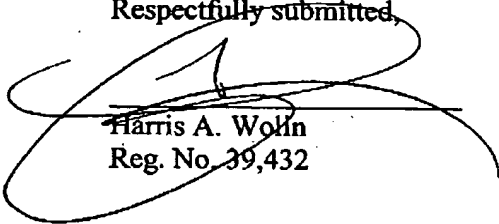
Applicant is also submitting herewith a new drawing sheet including FIGS. 43 and 44, that is in full compliance with 37 CFR §§1.84 and that is designated "New Sheet." Figures 43 and 44 are fully supported and described in the present application at page 9, lines 5-10 and at page 37, line 23 through page 39, line 9, and in Figures 40-42. Figures 43 and 44 are variants of the embodiments shown and described in connection with Figures 40-42, with the further variations described in connection with Figures 43 and 44 being consistent with the description of such figures found in the specification of page 38, line 20 through page 39, line 9. Accordingly, the new drawing sheets do not present new matter and should be entered as a matter of course, and the present application in its entirety should be entitled to the filing date of January 30, 2004 (*see MPEP §201.06(c)*).

Applicant has also amended the specification in view of the drawing objections set forth in the parent case 10/697,213. Applicant has also amended the claims in anticipation of a species restriction, as had occurred in parent case 10/697,213. In order to expedite examination and prosecution of the present application 10/768,363, Applicant is prepared to **provisionally elect**

the species defined by Figures 6-12, and requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone to confirm such election. Applicant is hopeful that such a provisional election will expedite the Examiner's consideration of the present case on the merits.

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